FISCAL NOTE

HB 627 - SB 995

February 12, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces the state sales tax on food from six percent to five percent, effective July 1, 2006.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - \$70,000,000

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - \$2,900,000

Assumptions:

- The taxable sale of food and food ingredients in Tennessee is estimated at approximately \$7.0 billion per year.
- Annual state sales tax revenue on food at the 6% tax rate is estimated at \$420.0 million (\$7.0 billion X 6% = \$420.0 million).
- Estimated annual state sales tax revenue on food at the 5% tax rate is estimated at \$350.0 million (\$7.0 billion X 5% = \$350.0 million).
- Reducing the state sales tax rate on food from six percent to five percent will reduce state tax revenues by approximately \$70.0 million (\$420.0 million \$350.0 million = \$70.0 million).
- 4.2462% of state sales tax revenue is appropriated to the municipalities within Tennessee.
- Reducing state sales tax revenue by \$70,000,000 reduces local government revenue by \$2,972,340 (\$70,000,000 X 4.2462% = \$2,972,340) from reduced allocation of the state sales taxes to local governments.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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